1	RESOLUTION NO.
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3	WHEREAS, in March 2010, the Austin City Council adopted a No Kill
4	animal-sheltering policy with the goal of ending the practice of euthanizing healthy
5	and treatable animals entering the City of Austin's municipal animal shelter; and
6	WHEREAS, in 2011, the City of Austin's municipal animal shelter
7	achieved a 90% live-release rate for impounded dogs and cats, and has achieved a
8	90% or higher live-release rate every year since 2011; and
9	WHEREAS, the City of Austin has become a national and international
10	model for No Kill animal sheltering, with leaders of other municipalities across the
11	nation and globe traveling to Austin to learn how to establish and implement
12	programs and policies to successfully increase shelter live outcomes and reduce
13	shelter intake; and
14	WHEREAS, Austin Animal Center works with several animal-welfare
15	partners and rescue organizations, including Austin Pets Alive!, to achieve its No
16	Kill policy; and
17	WHEREAS, Austin Animal Center achieved a 98% live-release rate in
18	2018 – the highest of any large-city animal shelter in the United States; and
19	WHEREAS, implemented intake-diversion and intake-reduction policies
20	have reduced the number of animals entering Austin's shelter; and

improve and thrive under interim leadership despite challenges including the

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WHEREAS, Austin's No Kill animal-sheltering policy has continued to

23	shelter having been designed prior to the City's commitment to No Kill sheltering;
24	and
25	WHEREAS, Austin's No Kill animal-sheltering policy has been
26	demonstrated to have resulted in substantial economic benefit to the Austin
27	community; and
28	WHEREAS, the City of Austin has been recognized as the first "City of
29	Distinction" award winner by the national animal-welfare organization Maddie's
30	Fund; NOW THEREFORE,
31	BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
32	AUSTIN:
33	The City Council reaffirms its support for and commitment to Austin's No
34	Kill animal-sheltering policy and supports an Austin Animal Center goal of a 95%
35	or greater live-release rate.
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37	ADOPTED: , 2019 ATTEST:
38	Jannette S. Goodall
39	City Clerk
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